

# On Partnerships

“Significant, positive outcomes for  
children and youth  
in San Bernardino County  
can only be achieved through partnership ...

County agencies, community-based  
organizations,  
education, communities of faith,  
and caring adults working in partnership  
for and with children,  
youth and their families . . .

The Children’s Network promotes  
and supports those partnerships . . .”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Partnerships highlighted in this report are only those that are part of the Children’s Network, or in which the Children’s Network is a partner.



# Children's Network

In 1985 the San Bernardino County Grand Jury recommended that an interagency council be established to study and coordinate children's services for the County.

The Children's Network was designed the following year by the Honorable Patrick J. Morris, then Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, to include representatives from the Board of Supervisors and other County departments serving "Children at Risk".

The Children's Network of San Bernardino County concerns itself with "children at risk", defined as minors who, because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, educational assessment, or detrimental daily living situation, are eligible for services from one or more of the constituent agencies of the Children's Network. These agencies were designed to reduce risk of conditions which limit the likelihood of achieving full adult functioning. A variety of public and private agencies deliver a broad, occasionally confusing, and sometimes inadequate, array of direct services to these children.

The overall goal of the Children's Network is to help "children at risk" by improving communications, planning, coordination and cooperation among youth serving agencies; identifying gaps and overlaps in services; providing a forum for clarifying perceptions and expectations among agencies and between agencies and the community; setting priorities for interagency projects; and implementing collaborative programs, public and private, to better serve children and youth.

The Children's Network has the following eight components comprised of:

**CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL**, department heads of those County agencies that provide services to children, a member of the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer, and the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court;

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE LINKAGE**, a mutually supportive ongoing partnership between the various components of the Children's Network and children's services providers, advisory boards, local educational agencies, child advocates, community collaboratives and community-based organizations, the religious community, and the community at-large;

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES TEAM**, an inter-agency, mid-management policies and procedures problem-solving group with a network of subcommittees working on specific projects;

**CHILDREN'S FUND**, a nonprofit corporation developing a public-private partnership to acquire goods and services for children at risk who cannot obtain them through existing public or private programs;

**CHILDREN'S LOBBY**, an interagency group of legislative analysts who review child related legislation and make recommendations to the Policy Council;

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**, an interagency planning group who plan and execute San Bernardino County's participation in the National Child Abuse Prevention Campaign each April; and who develop ongoing public awareness activities in all areas of child abuse prevention and child safety;

**CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**, for the purpose of developing a county-wide plan to set forth: (1) the priorities for the use of Federal Child Care Block Grant funds in the County of San Bernardino for children of eligible families; and (2) a comprehensive county-wide, long range plan for child care and development services;

**FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT PLANNING COUNCIL**, for the purpose of developing a county-wide plan to set forth: (a) the priorities for the use of Federal Family Preservation and Support Program funds in San Bernardino County for eligible families, and (b) a comprehensive county-wide, five-year plan for family preservation and support services.

#### **POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

County Library	Children's Fund
Public Defender	Juvenile Court
Probation Department	Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's Department	Preschool Services
Public Health Department	County Counsel
Department of Behavioral Health	District Attorney
Community Services Department	Inland Regional Center
Department of Children's Services	Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
Transitional Assistance Department	County Administrative Office
County Superintendent of Schools	San Bernardino City Unified School District
Economic and Community Development	Member of the Early Intervention Council

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According to the Year 2000 Census Data, there are 552,047 children and youth under the age of 18 in San Bernardino County, representing 32% of the County's total population. The population of children aged 10 to 19 is growing almost three times as fast in California, as in the nation, reaching 6 million by 2005.

**San Bernardino County Population Demographics By Age  
Year 2000 Census Data**

Population	All Ages	18 Years & Over	Under 18 Years	% Under 18 Years
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,709,434</b>	<b>1,157,387</b>	<b>552,047</b>	<b>32.3</b>
<b>Hispanic Or Latino (of any race)</b>	<b>669,387</b>	<b>399, 925</b>	<b>269, 492</b>	<b>40.3</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>752,222</b>	<b>568,710</b>	<b>183,512</b>	<b>24.4</b>
<b>Black Or African American</b>	<b>150,201</b>	<b>95,401</b>	<b>54,800</b>	<b>36.5</b>
<b>American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</b>	<b>9,804</b>	<b>7,054</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>28.0</b>
<b>Native Hawaiian &amp; Other Pacific Islanders</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>2,763</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>37.0</b>
<b>Other Race</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>39.0</b>
<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>42,240</b>	<b>23,659</b>	<b>18,581</b>	<b>44.0</b>

<sup>2</sup> U. S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data Summary Files, Prepared by San Bernardino County Department of Public Health,

## 2000 Population Totals by Race and Hispanic Origin

RACE	Total (All Ages)	Total Non- Hispani c (All	(Under Age 18)		Non-Hispanics Under Age 18	
			Number Population Under 18	Percent of Population Under 18	Number Population Under 18	Percent of Popula- tion Under 18
Total Popu- lation	1,709,434	1,040,047	552,047	100%	282,585	51.2%
One Race	1,623,393	997,807	511,633	92.7%	264,004	47.8%
White	1,006,960	752,222	282,171	51.1%	183,512	33.2 %
Black or African American	155,348	150,201	57,535	10.4%	54,800	9.9%
American Indian or Alaska Na- tive	19,915	9,804	6,641	1.2%	2,750	.05%
Asian	80,217	78,154	21,088	3.8%	20,134	3.6%
Native Ha- waiian or Other Pa- cific Is- lander	5,110	4,387	1,950	0.4%	1,624	0.3%
Other Race	355,843	3,039	142,248	25.8%	1,184	0.2%
Two or More Races	86,041	42,240	40,414	7.3%	18,581	3.4%

According to Children Now\* .....

- By 2005 Latinos will be the largest racial group (42%) in California, followed by whites (38%), Asian/Pacific Islanders (12%), African Americans (7%) and Native Americans (<1%).
- California ranks 45th among children and youth; 46th in health insurance coverage; 46th in percentage of 18 to 24 year-olds who completed high school and 48th in incarcerated juveniles.
- Latino children are more than twice as likely to be poor and lack health coverage compared to white children.
- African American youth are more than twice as likely to drop out of school and the state is more than six times more likely to incarcerate them compared to white youth.
- From 1990 to 1998 the teen birth rate declined by 24% to 53 births per 1000 female teens overall.
- Annual fatalities to youth ages 10-17 due to gun violence is down almost 50% from 465 in 1995, to 237 in 1998.
- Overall, California's policies neglect the needs of adolescents...for example, for every 10 children ages 6-17 the state provides only one after school slot.



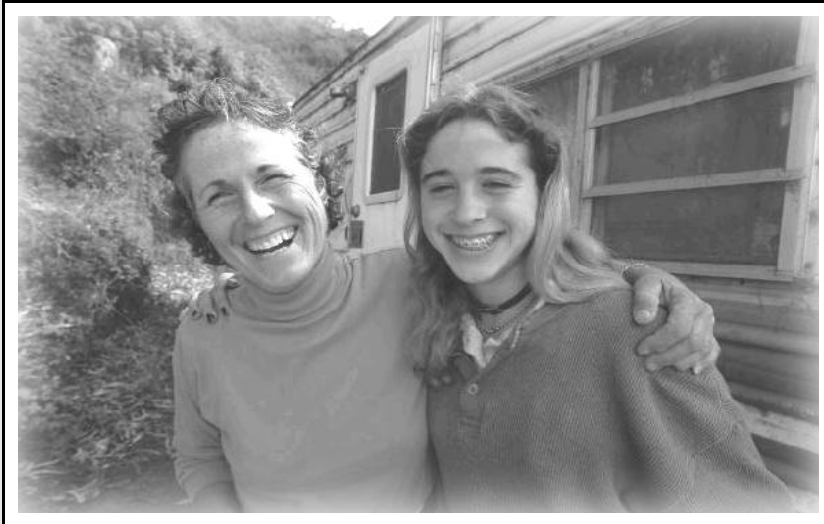
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# 40 Developmental Assets

**T**he 40 Developmental Assets, developed by the Search Institute<sup>3</sup>, identify building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. There are 20 “External Assets” that the family, school, and community can provide to help ensure that our youth are successful; and, there are 20 “Internal Assets” that will help assure that our youth succeed as healthy, happy and productive adults.

The Children’s Network in partnership with the County Superintendent of Schools, the Department of Public Health, and numerous Community Based Organizations, made a commitment in the year 2000 to promote the 40 Developmental Assets through various collaboratives and the Network’s 14th Annual Conference.

The Children’s Network Annual Report focuses on partnerships to better serve “at-risk” children and families. If we succeed in promoting the 40 Developmental Assets in our youth and through our communities in the County of San Bernardino, perhaps someday the term “at-risk” could be just a distant memory.



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<sup>3</sup> "40 Developmental Assets," Search Institute, 700 S. Third Street, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN, copyright 1997.

# 40 Developmental Assets

## External Assets

### Support

1. **Family Support** – Family life provides high levels of love and support.
2. **Positive Family Communication** – Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parent(s).
3. **Other Adult Relationships** – Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
4. **Caring Neighborhood** – Young person experiences caring neighbors.
5. **Caring School Climate** – School provides a caring, encouraging environment.
6. **Parent Involvement in Schooling** – Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.

### Empowerment

7. **Community Values Youth** – Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.
8. **Youth as Resources** – Young people are given useful roles in the community.
9. **Service to Others** – Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.
10. **Safety** – Young person feels safe at home, at school, and in the neighborhood.

### Boundaries and Expectations

11. **Families Boundaries** – Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts.
12. **School Boundaries** – School provides clear rules and consequences.
13. **Neighborhood Boundaries** – Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.
14. **Adult Role Models** – Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.
15. **Positive Peer Influence** – Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.
16. **High Expectations** – Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.

### Constructive Use of Time

17. **Creative Activities** – Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater or other arts.
18. **Youth Programs** – Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.
19. **Religious Community** – Young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.
20. **Time at Home** – Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.

## Internal Assets

### Commitment to Learning

- 21. **Achievement Motivation** – Young person is motivated to do well in school.
- 22. **School Engagement** – Young person is actively engaged in learning.
- 23. **Homework** – Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
- 24. **Bonding to School** – Young person cares about his/her school.
- 25. **Reading for Pleasure** – Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.

### Positive Values

- 26. **Caring** – Young person places high value on helping other people.
- 27. **Equality and Social Justice** – Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
- 28. **Integrity** – Young person acts on convictions and stands up for his/her beliefs.
- 29. **Honesty** – Young person “tells the truth even when it is not easy”.
- 30. **Responsibility** – Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.
- 31. **Restraint** – Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.

### Social Competencies

- 32. **Planning and Decision Making** – Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.
- 33. **Interpersonal Competence** – Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
- 34. **Cultural Competence** – Young person has knowledge of, and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.
- 35. **Resistance Skills** – Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
- 36. **Peaceful Conflict Resolution** – Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

### Positive Identity

- 37. **Personal Power** – Young person feels he or she has control over “things that happen to me.”
- 38. **Self-esteem** – Young person reports having high self-esteem.
- 39. **Sense of Purpose** – Young person reports that “my life has a purpose.”
- 40. **Positive View of Personal Future** – Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.



**Outcomes, Indicators  
and Partnerships**



## Outcome: Improve Economic Well-Being of Children and Families

### Indicators

- 14% of all San Bernardino County children reside in families who receive CalWORKs, a 3% reduction from January 2000 (17% of all children were in CalWORKs families).
- There were 79,251 children in CalWORKs families in January 2001, a 7% reduction from January 2000 (85,138 children), and a 15% reduction from 1999 (93,758 children).
- There were 27,123 families on CalWORKs in January 2001, a 32% reduction from January 2000 (39,825 families), and a 39% reduction from January 1999 (44,322 families).

### Partnerships

- **CalWORKs Policy Executive Group (PEG)**

PEG was established four years ago as an oversight group for Welfare Reform (CalWORKs) implementation for San Bernardino County. Representatives from , the Transitional Assistance Department, Jobs and Employment Services Department, Human Services System Administration, and Children's Network meet on a monthly basis to discuss policy issues surrounding CalWORKs implementation as well as 17 pilot projects which are showing positive outcomes in assisting families to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

<sup>3</sup> San Bernardino County Social Services Group, 1999 County Welfare Population Distribution by Cities

<sup>4</sup> RAND Corporation, June 1999

- **Youth Empowerment to Self-Sufficiency Program (YESS)**

YESS is a Public Health program funded through CalWORKs incentive funds, targeting youth from CalWORKs families who are at risk of dropping out of school.

The mission of YESS is to “inspire and empower youth, while accentuating and enhancing their personal strengths, toward self sufficiency and the achievement of individual potential “

YESS in collaboration with the Transitional Assistance Department and local school districts during the past year has assisted 179 youth in successfully returning to school and maintaining their attendance.

Planning is in place for YESS to serve an additional 500 CalWORKs youth in FY 2001.

- **Workforce Investment Board Youth Council**

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 consolidated more than 60 federal job training programs through three block grants to the states and replaced the Job Training Partnership Act of 1993 (JTPA). The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors established the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in response to the Act and a Youth Council to operate as an advisory council to the WIB.

The purpose of the Workforce Investment Act Youth Council is to develop, monitor and advise the WIB on youth employment and training plans, services and fund distribution.

Children's Network is a member of the Youth Council.



**Local Child Care Planning Council:** The San Bernardino County Child Care and Development Planning Council was established by the Board of Supervisors in July 1991 and was made a component of Children's Network. The Council was charged with planning for child care and development programs; and, setting priorities for the expenditure of Federal Child Care Block Grant Funds as well as State Department of education child care dollars. The Council has been dedicated to ensuring that the children and families of San Bernardino County have had quality, safe and affordable child care and development programs for the past 10 years.

- **Children's Fund:** Children's Fund, the nonprofit public-private partnership component of Children's Network, filled over 2,400 requests for assistance in 2000, over \$1.9 million in goods and services, all of which were to meet the needs of children and families in poverty.

*(See Appendices A & B for complete reports on the Child Care Planning Council and Children's Fund Activities.)*



State of California CalWORKs  
Statistics/Accomplishments  
(Assembly/Senate Human Services Joint Committee)

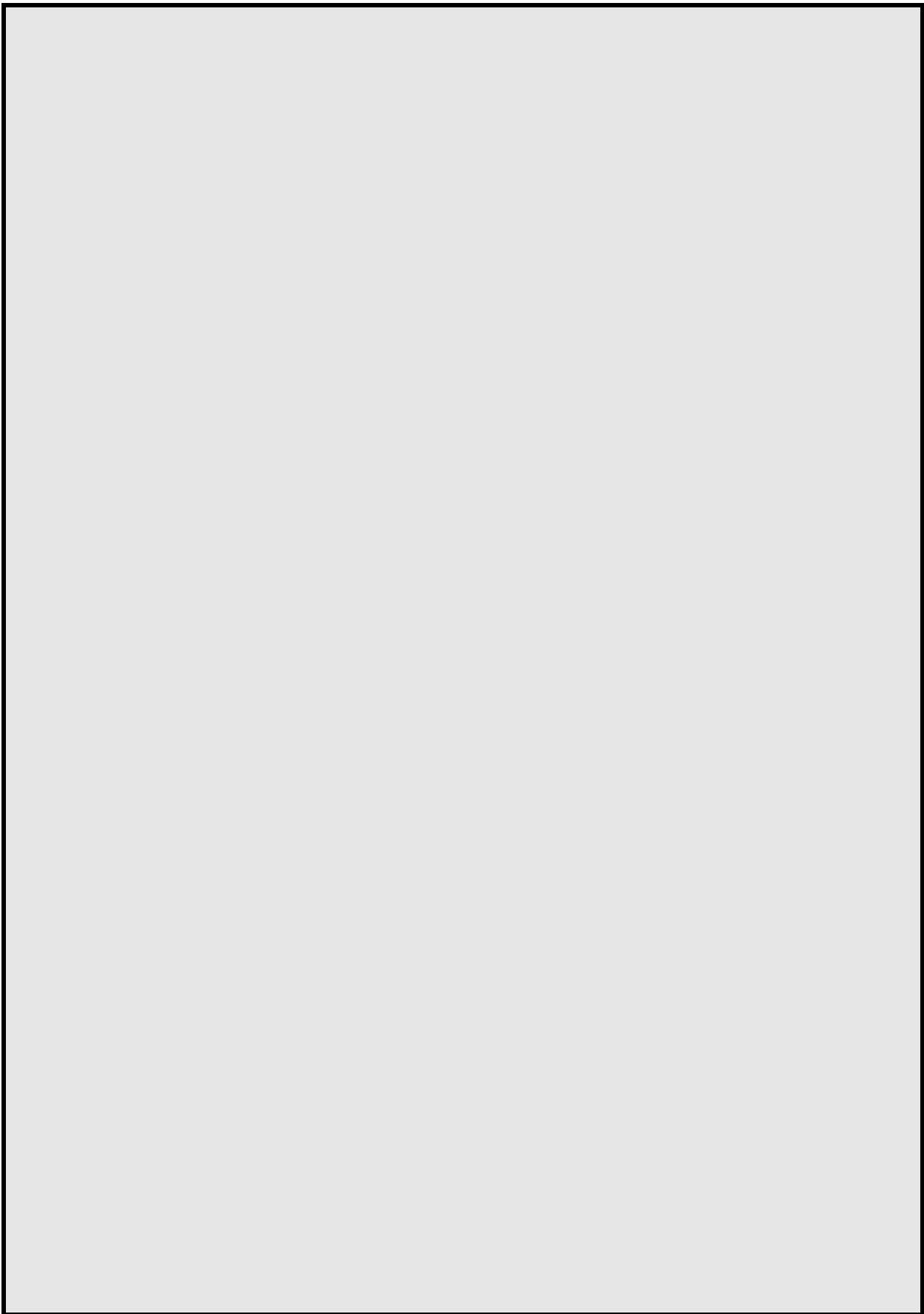
**Statistics**

- 40 % of CalWORKs cases are employed, 70% full-time
- 15-15% of CalWORKs cases are exempt from participation
- 10-11% are sanctioned. 40 counties (including San Bernardino) conduct home visits to non-compliant clients
- Average monthly earnings for an employed CalWORKs case went from \$596 in 1995 to \$735 in 2000
- An estimated 40% of CalWORKs recipients are learning disabled
- 36% of CalWORKs adults state their primary language is not English

**Accomplishments**

- California has implemented the single largest social change in decades
- Caseloads have dropped dramatically, 42% since its peak in 1995, approximately 30% under CalWORKs
- Employers and Communities have embraced welfare reform
- Job retention services coupled with entry level jobs has led to an increase of the wage scale for welfare recipients
- Significant client problems such as substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health have been addressed

Source: Assembly and Senate Human Services Joint Committee.



# Welfare Population Comparison of 2000 vs. 1999<sup>5</sup>

CITY	JANUARY 2000	JANUARY 1999	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Adelanto	3,838	4,013	-175	-4.4%
Apple Valley	9,555	10,151	-596	-5.9%
Barstow	5,856	6,526	-670	-10.3%
Big Bear Lake	997	985	12	1.2%
Chino	5,418	5,882	-464	-7.9%
Chino Hills	1,875	1,790	85	4.7%
Colton	9,472	9,952	-480	-4.8%
Fontana	26,735	25,755	980	3.8%
Grand Terrace	851	891	-40	-4.5%
Hesperia	10,600	11,127	-527	-4.7%
Highland	6,328	6,203	125	2.0%
Loma Linda	1,876	1,987	-111	-5.6%
Montclair	4,771	4,916	-145	-2.9%
Needles	1,118	1,193	-75	-6.3%
Ontario	21,454	23,064	-1,610	-7.0%
Rancho Cucamonga	5,059	5,109	-50	-1.0%
Redlands	6,965	7,491	-526	-7.0%
Rialto	16,072	16,712	-640	-3.8%
San Bernardino	50,073	57,410	-7,337	-12.8%
Twentynine Palms	2,570	2,377	-193	-8.1%
Upland	6,736	6,804	-68	-1.0%
Victorville	13,415	13,565	-150	-1.1%
Yucaipa	4,443	4,271	172	4.0%
Yucca Valley	3,497	3,740	-243	-6.5%
Unincorporated	21,372	23,007	-1,635	-7.1%
<b>TOTAL<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>240,946</b>	<b>254,921</b>	<b>-13,975</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>

<sup>7</sup>Includes persons receiving cash, Medi-Cal, and Food Stamps

Source: 2000 San Bernardino County Welfare Population Report – HSS

# Outcome:

## Improve Child Safety by Reducing the Incidence of Child Abuse and Neglect

### Indicators

In 2000, there were 50,030 children referred to the San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services (DCS), a 7.8% increase over 1999 (46,470 children\*). See attachment for complete DCS referral information for years 1997-2000.

### Partnerships

- **Child Abuse Prevention Council.** The Child Abuse Prevention Planning Committee, acting on behalf of the Children's Policy Council, is an interagency planning group for planning and executing San Bernardino County's participation in the National Child Abuse Prevention campaign each April; and developing ongoing public awareness activities in all areas of child abuse and child safety.

The goal of the April 2001 Child abuse Prevention campaign was to raise public awareness regarding the issue of child abuse and neglect; and, to promote positive parenting skills countywide. In the 2001 campaign Children's Network and Children's Fund worked with the:

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Department of Children's Services | County Library                    |
| • Preschool Services Department     | Children's Assessment Center      |
| • Department of Public Health       | Loma Linda Children's Hospital    |
| • County Superintendent of Schools  | Safe Kids Coalition               |
| • Sheriff's Department              | Arrowhead Regional Medical Center |
| • Regional Parks                    | Department of Behavioral Health   |
| • County Fire Department            | Child Care Planning Council       |

\* These numbers differ from those in the 2000 Children's Network Annual Report. DCS has revised their referral numbers from prior years by eliminating duplicate referrals from their data base.

### **The 2001 Child Abuse Prevention Campaign included:**

- A Board of Supervisors Resolution declaring April 2001 Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the raising of the Children's Memorial Flag in front of the County Government Center
- Distribution of more than 150,000 informational/educational/awareness pieces, including ribbons, parenting materials, activity sheets for children, educational booklets & brochures, flashlights, stickers and more.
- A media campaign including a press conference, newspaper ads, billboards and advertisements on buses countywide.
- Hosting the Third Annual "Shine a Light on Child Abuse" Blue Ribbon awards breakfast in the High Desert.
- Hosting the Second Annual Family Celebration events held at Cucamonga-Guasti, Mojave Narrows and Yucaipa Regional Parks to promote parent/child interaction. More than 12,000 adults and children attended the events which provided valuable resources for parents and fun activities for their children.



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# **Safe and Stable Families**

Federal Public Law 105-89, the Adoptions and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Act of 1997, provides funds for the development of community-based family support services to prevent child abuse and the separation of families.

The Children's Policy Council recommends to the Board of Supervisors the best use of these funds for contract agencies to provide PSSF contracted services Countywide. Those services are provided by the agencies listed below in the following geographic locations.

<b><i>Agency</i></b>	<b><i>Areas Served</i></b>
<i>Bear Valley Counseling Center</i>	<i>Mountains</i>
<i>Bilingual Family Counseling</i>	<i>Ontario</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>Victor Valley, San Bernardino</i>
<i>Family Service Association of Redlands</i>	<i>San Bernardino</i>
<i>Morongo Basin Unity Home</i>	<i>Morongo Valley</i>
<i>St John of God Health Care Services</i>	<i>Victorville</i>
<i>Solutions Educational Enrichment</i>	<i>Rialto, Fontana</i>
<i>Probation Department</i>	<i>San Bernardino, West Valley</i>
<i>Community Services Department</i>	<i>San Bernardino, Fontana</i>
<i>Public Health Department (Project HOPE)</i>	<i>Victor Valley, West Valley, San Bernardino</i>

## ***Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Contracts***

Since 1988 the County of San Bernardino, under the auspices of the Children's Network and the Department of Children's Services (DCS), has contracted with agencies to provide CAPIT services throughout the County. These agencies provide services directed to families with children at risk of child abuse and neglect, and their families. Funding for service delivery is provided to counties through the Children's Trust Fund (AB 2994 of 1982) and the State of California (AB 1733 of 1982) to administer child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment programs. The Children's Trust Fund receives revenue from a surcharge placed on the cost of certified copies of birth certificates.

The following contract agencies serve the corresponding geographical areas.

<b><i>Agency</i></b>	<b><i>Areas Served</i></b>
<i>Bilingual Family 'Counseling</i>	<i>Ontario</i>
<i>Catholic Charities</i>	<i>Colton, San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga, Victorville</i>
<i>Department of Behavioral Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs</i>	<i>Countywide</i>
<i>Family Service Agency</i>	<i>San Bernardino</i>
<i>Lutheran Social Services</i>	<i>Big Bear Lake, Victorville, Joshua Tree</i>
<i>Pacific Clinics</i>	<i>Yucca Valley</i>

## ***Children's Assessment Center***

The Children's Assessment Center, a partnership between San Bernardino County child serving agencies, Children's Fund, and Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, and law enforcement agencies countywide, provides forensic medical exams and interviews for children who are suspected sexual abuse victims. Approximately 800 children are seen at the Children's Assessment Center each year. Children's Network continues to support the Children's Assessment Center as a member of the Advisory Board.

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## **Child Abuse Statistics**

***There were 2,980,000 children reported a abused or neglected in the United States in 1997, of those, 984,327 were confirmed as victims.*** (U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)

### ***Primary presenting problems of reported abusers*** (National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, 1997)

- Substance Abuse 88%
- Poverty, economic strains 51%
- Lack of parenting skills 39%
- Cycle of domestic violence 27%

### ***Costs of Child Abuse and Neglect....***

- *Studies show childhood victims of abuse and neglect are more likely to be arrested as juveniles or adults for non-traffic offenses and violent crimes.*
- *A recent study by the U.S. Department of Justice shows that many prison inmates were abused as children. Percent of inmates experiencing physical or sexual abuse before age 18:*

*Males— 14.4% in state prison  
5.8% in federal prison*

*Females— 36.7% in state prison  
23% in federal prison*

### ***Annual Economic Impact of Child Abuse and Neglect*** (in 1993 dollars; National Institute of Justice 1996)

- *\$56 billion due to child abuse*
- *\$15 billion due to child neglect*

There is a disproportionate number of African-American children and youth in the foster care system. In May, 2001, 25% of the 7,363 children in foster care were African-American (1830 children)

<b>May 2001</b>	<b>Foster Children</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>% of Caseload</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>% of caseload</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>% of Caseload</b>
Emergency Response	189	51	27%	49	26%	72	38%
Family Maintenance	1222	240	20%	398	33%	522	43%
Family Re-unification	2039	414	20%	666	33%	880	43%
Permanency Planning	3913	1125	29%	1096	28%	1609	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7363</b>	<b>1830</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>2209</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>3083</b>	<b>42%</b>

Children 17 and younger only in San Bernardino\*:

- % of Black Youth 10%
  - % of Hispanic Youth 49%
  - % of Caucasian Youth 51%
- \*in comparison to the remaining San Bernardino youth population.

All residents of San Bernardino :

- % of Blacks– all ages 09%
- % of Hispanics– all ages 39%
- % of Caucasian– all ages 59%

Case Management System/Child Welfare Services & Census Bureau

## Outcome:

# Expand Integrated Services/Coordinated Case Management

Last year, children's Network had over 270 presentations at its multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings. Traditionally MDTs were hospital based with a physician, nurse and social worker working as a team to diagnose and treat victims of child abuse. In the past ten to twelve years there has been a proliferation of community-based MDT's in San Bernardino County, all of which provide proactive early intervention services to at-risk children and families.

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Through its Home Run Program, Probation has five full-time MDTs Countywide with a Department of Children's Services (DCS) Social Worker, Probation Officer, Public Health Nurse, and Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Clinician. The Home Run MDT's provide intensive services to youth who are a high risk for recidivism in the Juvenile Justice System; these services include family members.

Through CalWORKs there is a Multiple Services Unit, or MSU, in the San Bernardino and Rancho Cucamonga Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) offices. The MSU is staffed by DCS Social Workers, DBH Clinicians and Public Health Nurses. TAD eligibility workers and Jobs and Employment Services Department Employment Specialists can refer families with multiple barriers to employment to the MSU. The MSU has had great success in working with those families and the goal is to implement the MSU Teams Countywide.

Children's Network is working on expanding integrated services Countywide through Multidisciplinary Teams.

# Outcome:

## Reduce Juvenile Crime and Its Impact on the Juvenile Justice System

### Indicators

In 2000, 6,174 minors were booked into San Bernardino County Juvenile Hall, a 25% increase over 1999 (4,931 minors) and a 45% increase over 1998 (4,256 minors).

		FEMALES	MALES	TOTAL
Location	Area			
In County	Desert	243	1,132	1,375
	Mountain	18	145	163
	San Bernardino Valley	535	2,540	3,075
	West End	135	897	1,032
Outside of County				
	Out of County	98	338	436
	Out of State	30	49	79
	Unknown Addresses	07	07	14
Total:		1,066*	5,108	6,174

<sup>9</sup> San Bernardino County Probation Department

\* There was a 30% increase in the admissions of females to Juvenile Hall from 1999 (751 females) to 2000 (1066 females).

Reason for Arrest	No. of Bookings	
Arson	25	
Assault/Attempted Murder	570	
Burglary	488	
Conspiracy	12	
Drug Related Crimes	167	
Gang Related Crimes	4	
Homicide/Manslaughter	16	
Kidnapping	2	
Law Enforcement Related Crimes	57	
Mischief/Vandalism	98	
Probation Issues/Violations	1,734*	
Robbery	347	
Sexual Crimes	115	
Special Circumstances	1,233*	
Vehicle Related Crimes	252	
Warrants	652	
Weapon Related Crimes	191	
WIC 601 Violations	54	
<b>Total</b>	Males	5,108
	Females	1,065

\*There was a 29% increase in admissions to Juvenile Hall in 2000 due to probation violations of court orders; and, a 40% increase in admissions due to special circumstances such as "weekend" stays.



## Partnerships

- **Countywide Gangs and Drugs Task Force.** Children's Network has been a member of the San Bernardino Countywide Gangs and Drugs Task Force for the past eleven years and is a member of the Task Force Executive Committee. During the past year the Gangs and Drugs Task Force provided a forum for a variety of programs targeting youth at high risk of entering the Juvenile Justice System due to criminal behavior or substance abuse.

Some of the programs highlighted included:

- **The Drug Endangered Children (DEC)** program. Partners for this program include; San Bernardino County's Sheriff's Department, Department of Children's Services, Public Health, District Attorney's Office, and Children's Network.
- **Gang Risk Intervention Program (GRIP)**; overseen by the County Superintendent of Schools Office, GRIP is a comprehensive strategy to prevent and control emerging and chronic street gangs and related risk factors for youth.
- **The Tattoo Removal Program** sponsored by County Supervisor Jerry Eaves with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.
- **The Parent Project.**
- **Girls in Gangs.**
- **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Public Safety Academy.**
- Regular updates from the Probation Department on issues related to Juvenile Hall.
- **Law Enforcement Education Partnership (LEEP).** Children's Network is a partner in the Law Enforcement Education Partnership, which is chaired by the County Superintendent of Schools. The mission of LEEP is to:
  - Explore areas for interagency partnerships in support of youth and the promotion of school and community safety; and,
  - Serve as a coalition of School Superintendents, Law Enforcement Chiefs, Probation, the Judiciary and District Attorney.

The Children's Network has collaborated with LEEP on a number of issues over the past year including reducing school trancies, the Gang Risk Intervention Program (GRIP) grants, and the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants.

- **Truancy Committee:** The Children's Network continued to partner with the County School Attendance Review Board (SARB) to implement new strategies to reduce school truancies. There is a correlation between truancy and delinquent behavior; and, studies have shown a relationship between a high rate of truancy and juvenile crime. During the past year the District Attorney's Office continued to distribute its "Let's End Truancy" booklet to school staff and parents; and, the District Attorney's Office has begun assigning Deputy District Attorney's to work countywide with SARB Boards. The Transitional Assistance Department has expanded CalWORKs funding to more school districts for the Elementary School Attendance Project. Since truancy is often a symptom of other family issues and many of those families are oftentimes involved with other agencies, the Children's Network obtained a County Counsel opinion regarding the functioning of SARB as a multidisciplinary team, to expand SARB's ability to exchange confidential information.
- **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council:** Children's Network is a member of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) which is chaired by the Chief Probation Officer. The Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act of 2000 allocated \$5.9 million to San Bernardino County to be used for juvenile delinquency prevention programs that have a proven record of effectiveness.

The JJCC recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the funds be spent on: 1) a House Arrest Program designed to address the continued overcrowding problem at Juvenile Hall which includes intensive supervision and electronic monitoring of wards, & 2) the establishment of Day Reporting Centers and expansion of the SUCCESS program in the west valley and desert regions of the County, & 3) continuation of the existing School Probation Officer program, and 4) the establishment of the Lets End Truancy program operated by the District Attorney's office.

- **Challenge Grant: Home Run Program-** The Challenge Grant Home Run Program began in July 1997 and has two components: 1) School Probation Officers, and 2) Five Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT's).
- The MDT's are the heart of the Home Run program. There are 5 teams representing Probation, Public Health, Behavioral Health, and the Department of Children Services. They are located in San Bernardino, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Chino and Victorville.

The MDT's have been a successful model for integrated services. The outcomes for the Home Run MDT's include:

- A 60% reduction in missed class periods.
- A 59% improvement in school suspensions/expulsions.
- A 51% improvement in alcohol/substance abuse problems.
- A reduction in new arrests.

Three Home Run MDT's will continue to be funded in FY 2001-02 through the Repeat Offender Prevention Program funds. Children's Network serves on the Home Run MDT Advisory Committee.

# Outcome:

## Reduce the Number of Children Who Need Residential Treatment in State-Licensed Facilities

### Indicators

In April 2000 there were 1,859 juvenile court wards and dependents in State Licensed Residential Treatment Facilities, an increase from April 2000. The monthly cost for those children in placement in March 2001 was \$5.2 million.

### Partnerships

#### **Children's Network Multidisciplinary Teams**

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***The goal of the MDT's is to coordinate a variety of interagency strategies and interventions to prevent out of home placement.***

**Children's System of Care.** Approximately one third of the 5,000 San Bernardino County children in foster care are in expensive, state licensed residential treatment facilities because of the severity of their behavioral problems. This is one reason the County spends approximately \$75 million a year for children in foster care.

The Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) that assesses cases for the least restrictive environment and ensures that relevant, effective services are provided for our County's foster youth children and at-risk minors. The IPC meets bi-weekly to identify, screen and review referrals from the partner agencies for mental health placements. This group authorizes access to the continuum's most intensive levels of service and specialized residential treatment. The IPC serves as a forum to review special cases, provide information and access to less restrictive alternative services, discuss interagency issues, identify needed resources, and provide more effective service connections for minors and their families throughout San Bernardino County.

IPC participating agencies include Children's Network, County Superintendent of Schools, the Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs, and the Departments of Children's Services, Probation, Public Health, Inland Regional Center, and Behavioral Health which serve as the lead agency.

Children's System of Care provides several strategies to prevent the need for costly residential treatment, or to help stabilize children in placement to prevent psychiatric hospitalization, therefore reducing costs to the county.

The CSOC Steering Committee is a committee of the Children's Policy Council and is co-chaired by Behavioral Health and Children's Network. CSOC has started a continuing discussion regarding how best to coordinate placement prevention strategies, including Department of Children's Services "wraparound" services, and contracted placement prevention services countywide to reduce the need for expensive out of home residential placement.

# Outcome:

## Improve School Success

### Indicators

- Countywide Student Enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year: 373,896 students, a 2.5% growth in enrollment over the 1998-99 school year.
- Countywide dropout rate: 1998-99 school year 2.6% dropout rate, compared to a statewide dropout rate of 2.8%.
- In March 2001, there were 24,911 children with special needs served by County/ City SELPA's (Special Education Local Planning Area's).

### Partnerships

- **Head Start Shared Governance Board**

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in December 1998, creating the Head Start Shared Governance Board. The Shared Governance Board members are a member of the board of Supervisors, Children's Network, Public Health, Behavioral Health, Human Services System, the County Superintendent of Schools and representatives of the Head Start Parent Policy Council.

The San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department (PSD) operates the Head Start Program in the County. PSD currently operates 4,171 part day enrollment slots and 176 full day enrollment slots. Expansion for 2001 will seek funding for additional full day slots in the High Desert area (Apple Valley, Adelanto, and Victorville).

- **Grant Funding**

Children's Network continues its commitment to providing: a forum for collaboration, access to information on issues affecting children, resources for finding statistics and other relevant data, and assistance to County agencies and community based organizations in their preparation of grant applications. Professional contributions by staff from Children's Network and members of the Grant Writing Subcommittee have resulted in successful funding for both new and ongoing programs. Included in recent grant awards which had assistance from or participation by Children's Network are:

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## County School Attendance Review Board

Children's Network has continued to be a regular member of the County School Attendance Board (SARB). During the past year Children's Network has worked with County SARB on expanding its membership, and its ability to exchange information with other agencies that attend local school district SARB's county-wide. Also, through the CalWORKs Policy Executive Group and the Transitional Assistance Department, grants have been available to local SARB's to improve the school attendance of CalWORKs eligible children.

Linda scans charts after this page. CBEDS and special needs enrollments.

## Outcome: Improved Child Health and Well Being

### *Indicators*

- **Child Deaths:** The childhood death rate among San Bernardino County residents has been in an overall decline since 1989. In 1999, the death rate due to all causes of death for children less than 18 years of age was 61.6 deaths per 100,000 population in this age group.
- **Infant Mortality Rate:** The infant mortality rate (IMR) for all races has declined since 1989. In 1990, the IMR for all races was 9.9 infant deaths per 1000 live births, compared with 7.6 in 1999.
- **Live Births to Teen Mothers:** The live birth rate to teens aged 15-17 years has been declining since 1994, from the 1994 rate of 54.8 births per 1000 females aged 15 through 17 years, to a rate of 37.2 in 1999.
- **Low Birthweight Live Births:** In 1999, 6.3% of San Bernardino County resident live births were low birthweight, defined as less than 2500 grams. The Healthy People 2000 objective set a goal for low birthweight births to be less than or equal to 5.0% for all race/ethnicity.

### *Partnerships*

#### Safe Kids Summer, 2001:

- In addition to the April Child Abuse Prevention Campaign, the Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council conducted its first Safe Kids Summer campaign to promote safe swimming and to make residents aware of the dangers of leaving young children unattended in vehicles.
- The Council teamed with the Department of Public Health, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, County Schools, Child Care Planning Council, County Library, Transitional Assistance Department, Preschool Services, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Department of Children's Services, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital's Safe Kids Coalition, 4 R Kids Safe, & the Inland Regional Center.
- The Board of Supervisors proclaimed June 21 through September 3 Safe Kids Summer 2001.



- Donors to the campaign made possible the purchase of materials for the “bank” to provide and distribute materials countywide. Major donors included: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Banana Boat Sun Tan Products, Child Care Planning Council, Chino Valley Fire Chiefs Association, General Outdoor Advertising, Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, Professional Printer, San Bernardino County Police Chiefs Association, San Bernardino County Firefighters Association, and the San Bernardino Safety Employees Association.
- The campaign also included billboards posted in three geographical areas of the county, materials distribution through County Schools, Preschool Services and Headstart sites, summer concerts, vehicle safety inspection site, city recreation programs countywide, and much more.
- Speakers delivered safety materials, accepted proclamations from 23 cities in the County, and spoke to groups throughout the County.

### • ***Child Death Review Team (CDRT):***

A subcommittee of the children’s Network, the CDRT meets monthly to review child deaths in the County (those that come to the attention of the Coroner’s Office) and support prevention strategies to reduce child death. Members of the CDRT include representatives from Public Health (Chairperson), behavioral Health, Department of Children’s Services, Coroner’s Office, Sheriff’s Office, Children’s Network, and Loma Linda Children’s Hospital. The CDRT use discussions provide important insights into causes of death. The CDRT has an average of 18 in depth case discussions involving questionable child deaths per month.

### • **Human Services System/Prop 10 Collaboration:**

A Committee of the Human Services System, co-chaired by Children’s Network and the Department of Children’s Services, began meeting in early 2001 to collaborate with the Children and Families First (Proposition 10) Commission to identify “gaps” in services to the prenatal through age 5 group and their families and to develop partnerships to address gaps in services to that population. Other agencies on the Committee include the Commission, Department of Behavioral Health, The Child Care Planning Council, Public Health, the Transitional Assistance Department, Community Services Department and Preschool Services Department.

**NEW GROUP HOMES.** On March 21, 2000, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Children's Policy Council to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding letters of support or denial for new group homes.

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11462, the State Department of Social Services, Foster Care Rate Setting Bureau, requires a letter of support from the placing or host County prior to a new group home opening. The Children's Policy Council has developed a protocol (entitled the Standard Criteria) which establishes the procedure for recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for issuance or denial of letters of support for proposed new group homes. The protocol, based on the needs assessment done by the IPC and Policy Council, provides a current assessment of the impact of new group homes on law enforcement jurisdictions, school districts or special education local planning areas, hospital and other major medical providers, and mental health treatment resources.

At the September 2000 meeting of the Children's Policy Council, the following policy recommendations were approved regarding group homes:

1. Approve the use of an Annual Needs Assessment to be administered by the Children's System of Care Steering Committee to all Department of Children's Services, Probation and Department of Behavioral Health Placement Staff to determine the need for local group home beds for minors with special needs who are currently placed out of County.
2. Develop a separate Request for Application (RFA) for existing group homes in the County of San Bernardino for each group of minors with special needs, with a consideration of geographic location for those beds based on available local resources.
3. Contract with group home providers in the County of San Bernardino to utilize existing group home beds secured through the RFA process.
4. Postpone the discussion and approval of support letters for any new group home programs until the above process has been completed.



# Outcome:

## Reduce the Number of Teen Pregnancies in San Bernardino County

### Indicator

**T**here has been a significant reduction in the teen birth rate in San Bernardino County. The birth rate (defined as live births to mothers 15-19 years of age per 1,000 females aged 15-19) dropped from 83.6 in 1994 to 64.7 in 1998.

### Partnerships

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition (TPPC).** The TPPC was formed under Children's Network in 1994 to reduce teen pregnancy rates county-wide through collaborative partnerships with parents and teens, schools, faith-based organizations, health providers, social services, law enforcement, and the private sector. The TPPC has served as a catalyst to enhance and expand many teen pregnancy prevention programs in the County of San Bernardino.

**imPACCT (People and Communities Changing Tomorrow).** imPACCT is a partnership between Children's Network, Children's Fund, the Department of Public Health, and Loma Linda University. The program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to reduce the teen pregnancy rate in the communities of San Bernardino, Fontana and Colton. The focus of imPACCT is to raise awareness of adults and teens regarding teen pregnancy and to:

1. Strengthen family support by promoting positive communication between parents and children;
2. Improve the quality of programs, activities and services to youth;
3. Actively engage and mobilize community residents for long term commitment to programs that develop assets to build resiliency in youth;
4. Create a safer environment for youth through skills development training;
5. Solicit greater involvement of members of the private business sector in community youth development activities; and 6) influence community norms that view teen pregnancy as a problem.

# Live Births to Teen Mothers

**T**he live birth rate to teens aged 15-17 years has been declining since 1994, from the 1994 rate of 54.8 births per 1,000 females aged 15 through 17 years, to a rate of 38.4 in 1998. Statistics on Medi-Cal funded abortions in this age group do not suggest a concomitant increase in abortions.

Although the teen birth rate is dropping, 1572 San Bernardino County adolescents under 18 years of age gave birth in 1998. Of these mothers, 22% were White, 12% were Black, and 63% were Hispanic.

**Live Birth Rate To Teens Aged 15-17 Years  
San Bernardino County Residents, 1989-1998**



Note: Birth Rate is defined as live births per 1000 females aged 15-17 years

# Outcome:

## Expand Community Based Resources for Children, Youth and Families

### Partnerships

- Children's Network facilitates Regional Collaboratives, bringing public and private organizations on a regular basis to assess the needs of children and families; and, to help form partnerships to find new resources and expand programs to meet those needs.

- **Focus West**

Focus West began in 1993 and led to the creation of three other highly successful collaboratives in the West Valley including the Montclair Community Collaborative, Family Solutions, and Focus West Family Services. Focus West meets the 4th Thursday of every month and averages 30 to 40 attendees per month.

- **Fontana Collaborative**

The Fontana Collaborative has been meeting for the past three years and in conjunction with the Children's Network imPACCT Program has a youth development focus. The Fontana Collaborative meets the 4th Tuesday of every month.

- **High Desert Partnership for Kids**

The High Desert Partnership for Kids meets the 2nd Monday of each month, averages 30 to 40 agencies in attendance at each meeting; and, provides an excellent forum for the exchange of information among programs and program development. There are monthly presentations and information presented on current funding sources.

- **Bear Valley Collaborative**

The Bear Valley Collaborative meets the 3rd Thursday of each month and averages 15 to 20 attendees per meeting. During the past year, Children's Network and the Collaborative assisted the School District in obtaining an operational Healthy Start grant.

- **Safe Kids**

Children's Network partnered with the Loma Linda Safe Kids Coalition, Public Health, Inland Regional Center, the County Library, and 4 R Kids Sake, to facilitate "Safe Kids Summer 2001." The campaign focused on drowning prevention, "not leaving kids in cars", and auto and bicycle safety.

- **Children and Families Commission for San Bernardino County**

The Children's Network, the Department of Children's Services, and other agencies of the County's Human Service's System (HSS) collaborated to identify HSS programs serving the 0-5 age group, gaps in services, and program development to better meet the needs of our County's youngest children and their families.

- **Community Based Organizations (CBO) Partnership Program**

The CBO Partnership program was created to help distribute County surplus property valued under \$1,000 to community based organizations. The CBO Partnership also has established a Resource Center in the children's Network office to assist CBO's in researching and applying for grants.

- **The Children's Network supports other collaboratives around the county including: Redlands Building a Generation; the Adelanto Nutrition Task Force; the Rancho Community Services Network; the High Desert Community Coalition, and the Healthy Start Collaboratives.**



# Grant Funding

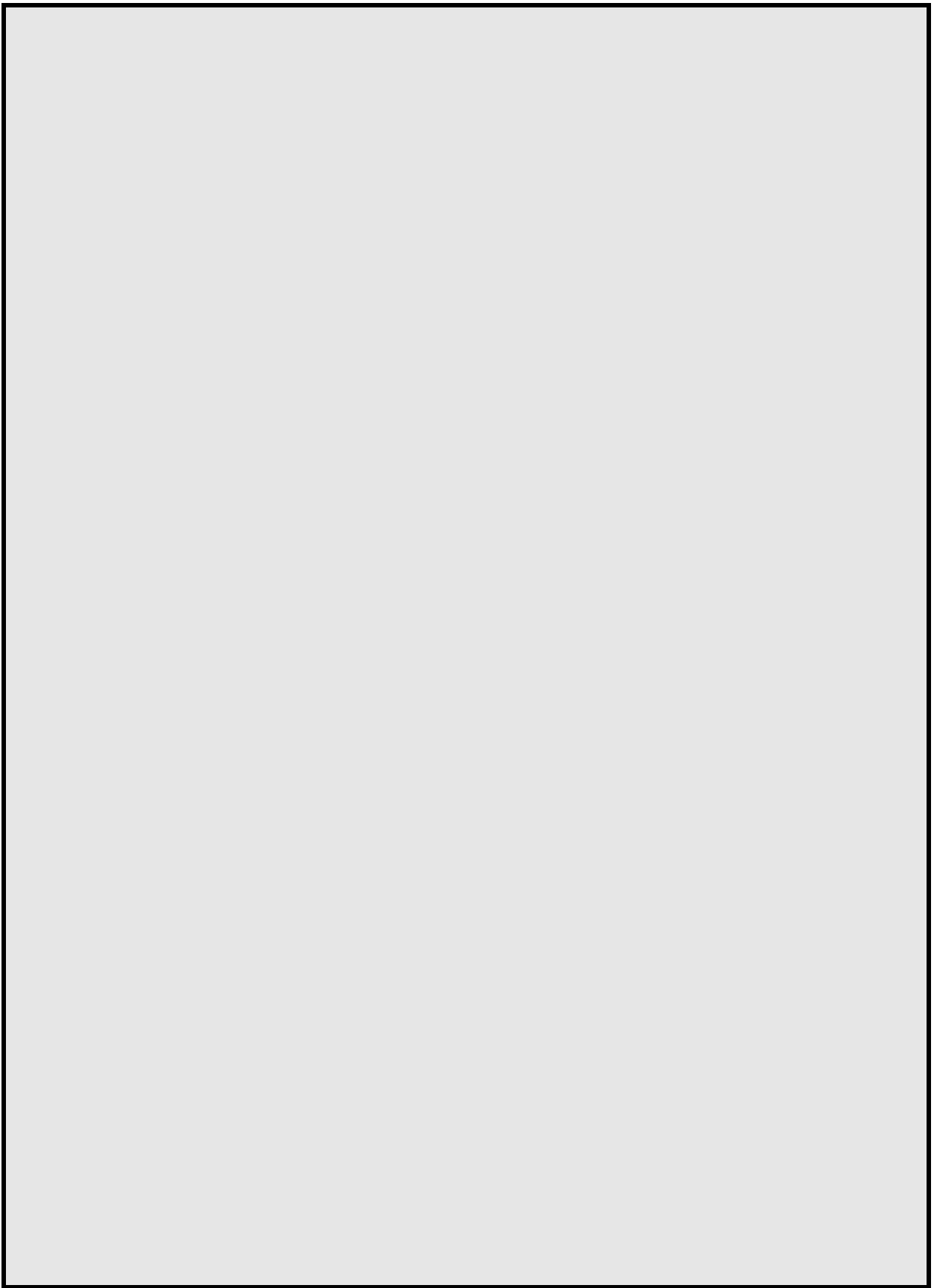
Funded Agency	Purpose of Grant Funding	Amount of Funding	Funder
Asian American Resource Center	Outreach	\$ 5,000	California Federal Savings & Loan
Behavioral Health	Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment	\$ 115,900	California Department of Social Services
Child Assessment Center	Multidisciplinary team training	\$ 10,000	National Children's Alliance
Computers 4 Kids	Outreach	\$ 6,500	PowerUp
Computers 4 Kids	Outreach	\$ 2,500	Los Angeles Times
Computers 4 Kids	Outreach	\$ 2,500	ARCO Foundation
Family Service Agency	Parent Help Line	\$ 586,350	Children and Families First Commission
Family Service Agency	Early Intervention of Sexual Perpetrators	\$ 246,000	Office of Criminal Justice Planning
Family Service Agency	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention	\$ 49,000	Office of Criminal Justice Planning
Family Solutions Collaborative	One Stop Center	\$ 671,381	Children and Families First Commission
First Nations Tribal Education and Resource Center	In-home services to Native Americans	\$ 143,915	Children and Families First Commission
Drug Court	Drug Court Project Mini-grant Program	\$ 60,000	Judicial Council
Inland Regional Center, Early Start	Family notebooks	\$ 26,676	Children and Families First Commission
Ontario-Montclair School District	Early Mental Health Initiative	\$ 195,452	California Department of Mental Health
Probation	Home Run	\$1,840,000	State Board of Corrections
Probation	Children's System of Care	\$ 50,000	California Department of Mental Health
Probation	Safe and Stable Families	\$ 108,105	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
San Bernardino County Library	Learning, Information, Technology and Education Center	\$ 244,281	Children and Families First Commission
Schools <sup>10</sup>	After School Programs	\$ 861,496	California Department of Education
Schools <sup>11</sup>	Healthy Start School-Linked Services	\$ 500,000	California Department of Education
Upland Community Partnership	After School Program	\$ 2,000	Charter Oak Foundation
Veronica's Home of Mercy	Services to pregnant women and their children	\$ 25,000	Children and Families Commission
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,752,056</b>	

<sup>10</sup> Funded: S. B. Unified School District, Morongo Unified School District, Ontario-Montclair School District, Chino Valley Unified School District

<sup>11</sup> Funded: Barstow Unified School District, Ontario-Montclair School District, and Upland Unified School District.

Children's Network staff also provided assistance to many agencies, community-based organizations and collaboratives for "Prop 10" funding.





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<sup>12</sup> California Basic Education Data System.

# Outcome:

## Reduce the Incidents of Preventable Death for Children and Youth

### Indicators

A study by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation found that 1,100 kids in California died from accidental injuries in 1997. New safety measures have prompted a national 40% reduction in injuries since 1980, but injuries and accidents remain the leading cause of death for children under 19. In California, auto and traffic accidents topped the list, followed by drowning, fires, suffocation, falls and poisoning. Nationwide, 250 children die each week from unintentional and preventable injuries, costing the country \$14 billion annually in medical care and creating a “steady drumbeat of death and disfigurement.” The report found that legislation and regulations, such as the drinking age requirement and seat belt laws, are particularly effective tools in reducing childhood accidents, although they are often poorly enforced or unevenly adopted in different states.

From 1991 to 1997, San Bernardino County deaths to children aged less than one year due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) decreased 45%, from 44 deaths in 1991 to 24 deaths in 1997. In addition, injury deaths of children aged less than 18 years decreased 23% (from 123 deaths in 1991 to 95 in 1997). Among injury causes, deaths due to motor vehicle accidents decreased 20% (from 40 in 1991 to 32 in 1997), and homicide deaths decreased 43% (from 37 in 1991 to 21 in 1997).<sup>14</sup>

### Partnerships

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<sup>14</sup> San Bernardino County Public Health Department

*San Bernardino County*  
***Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)***

Review of fetal and infant deaths in San Bernardino County is based in the Department of Public Health. Fetal and infant mortality review inevitably involves the examination of past events in the hope of preventing future occurrences. Fetal and infant mortality review is a process dedicated to the identification and examination of factors that contribute to fetal and infant death through the systemic evaluation of individual cases.

The FIMR Review Team is comprised of members from many different disciplines: Department of Children's Services, Public Health, Coroner's Office, Managed Care, Private Practice OB-GYN, Loma Linda University's Children's Hospital, OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner Desert Hospital, Regional Perinatal Program Coordinator, SIDS Program, Maternal Health Programs, Child and Adolescent Health Programs, and community members. The Team meets once a month to review case. In advance of the meeting, team members are mailed a packet containing de-identified case information. The FIMR interviewer gathers information from parents, vital statistics, the Coroner's Office and medical records.

The FIMR Team reviews the de-identified data for each child and completes a case review summary form, identifying issues related to the child's death and recommendations to prevent future like deaths.

In the Fiscal Year 00-01, the FIMR Team defined the population to be reviewed as a resident child (birth – 1 year of age) dying suddenly or unexpectedly. This includes infants with the cause of death as SIDS, accidents, some infections and others.

The following are issues identified from the review process of infants dying suddenly and unexpectedly in San Bernardino County:

1. Illicit drug use among pregnant and parenting women continues to be a major factor; need standardized screening and increased availability of drug treatment options.
2. High incidence of infants exposed to secondary tobacco and other drug smoke.
3. Illicit drugs and alcohol use alters the parents' ability to maintain a stable, growth fostering environment for their infant.
4. High incidence of unintentional, unwanted pregnancies.
5. High incidence of domestic violence among pregnant and parenting women.
6. High incidence of infant deaths related to co-sleeping/bed sharing; need education campaign for parents and providers related to safe sleep environment for infants.
7. Delivering hospitals need to evaluate and document parents understanding of Back to Sleep information/teaching prior to discharge.
8. Need community resources for teens: "safe homes" for pregnant teens, counselors that are teen sensitive and domestic violence shelters that will accept teens in violent relationships.
9. Urgent Care Centers need to do more timely and in-depth triage of infants and children presenting for care.
10. Women with grand multipara history need to receive counseling/education regarding increased risk of postpartum hemorrhage and uterine rupture.
11. Need current Emergency Medical Services transport policy for pediatric trauma cases.
12. Increased incidence of infant drowning; need drowning prevention education to occur more frequently and year round.

For more information contact Claudia Spencer, Department of Public Health.



**Child Care Planning Council  
Appendix A**

## Child Care Planning Council History

*Ten years of successful planning*      The Local Child Care Planning and Development Council (CCPC) has just completed its first ten years of providing planning and technical assistance to the child care community in San Bernardino County. As the CCPC embarks on its third, five-year strategic plan, it is appropriate to look at the past in order to plan for the future.

- 1991
  - First Federal Child Care and Development Block grants to states
  - AB 2141 authorizes first county child care planning councils
  - First San Bernardino County Child Care Council organized under Children's Network
  - First appointed child care council members
  - First countywide needs assessment
  - First priorities set up for \$3,999,000 for 9 centers and 3 alternative Payment Providers
  - First countywide child care plan
  
- 1993
  - First quality assessment done by county
  
- 1994
  - First one-time only funding for county child care coordinator, \$24,945 for six months
  - First child care coordinator hired, December 1994
  
- 1995
  - Vision and mission statements approved
  - Second needs assessment
  - Second countywide plan (this time a 5 year plan)
  - First Community Development lock Grants awarded by City and County of San Bernardino to LPC
  
- 1996
  - First wraparound program in state approved by Department of Education
  - First county to license perinatal substance abuse clinic's child care centers
  - First meeting of Combined Eligibility List Committee (CEL)
  
- 1998
  - Welfare reform increases demand for quality, affordable and accessible child care
  - SB 1542 mandates increased responsibilities to LPCs in response to welfare reform
  - Funding increases to \$50,000
  - LPC membership is restructured and defined
  - First LPC sponsored Child Care Conference
  
- 1999
  - First child care coalition formed made up of Transitional Assistance Department, Preschool Services Department (Head Start), LPC representative, Community College CalWORKs coordinators, County Superintendent of Schools (Child Development Services) and Pomona Unified School District
  - Third needs assessment
  - Full funding for LPC, \$90,455
  - New priorities for infant/toddler and state preschool expansion funds
  - First Department of Education/Community Care Licensing Capacity Building and Retention grant, \$1.2 million
  - First LPC sponsored Stand for Children at the County Government Center
  - Second LPC sponsored Child Care Conference
  - First CEL software design to connect state funded agencies through a single server

*2000*

New priorities for general child care and state preschool expansion funds

- Third LPC sponsored Child Care Conference
- Children and Families Commission (Proposition 10 funds) funds continued capacity building project
- AB 212 passes, state awards \$633,000 to LPC for compensation and retention activities
- Second LPC quality assessment by American Institute of Research
- Planning begins for third countywide plan

*2001*

Tenth anniversary of the LPC

- First Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for LPC
- First Compensation and Retention Encourage Stability (CARES)
- Committee is formed to look at compensation issues
- Planning continues on county strategic plan with community focus groups



**Children's Fund Report  
Appendix B**





# Children's Fund Annual Report July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

## Purpose

**T**he purpose of the Children's Fund is to ensure that children who are at risk in our community because of abuse, neglect, abandonment or circumstance receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, health care, education and are provided equal opportunity for social development. Children's Fund is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that calls to action private business, the public sector, and concerned citizens to form a public/private partnership.

## History

Children's Fund was established in 1986 by the Board of Supervisors as the nonprofit component of San Bernardino County's model agency, Children's Network. It was designed to be a true private-public partnership. The County provides modest funding for administrative overhead, so every dollar raised by the Fund goes directly into a trust account to meet the needs of the newborn to eighteen-year-olds who are at risk in San Bernardino County. Goods and services that are not available through other agencies are provided through Children's Fund.

## Board of Directors

In 2000/2001, Doug McAdam, CEO of Soren, McAdam and Bartells, served as Chairman of the Board for the 26-member Board of Directors. William Meyer, Medical Group Administrator for Kaiser Permanente served as Vice Chairman. Founding Chairman Emeritus is Jack Brown, CEO, President and Chairman of the Board of Stater Bros. Markets. The all-volunteer board is comprised of successful businessmen and women who share a concern and desire to do something positive about the plight of underprivileged and abused children. By design, the board has a broad base of representation which takes into consideration not only geography, but cultural backgrounds and special interests as well.

## Meeting Format

The Children's Fund Board of Directors meets monthly at a previously designated time and place. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, which is comprised of the officers of the board, also meets monthly at a previously designated time and place. and/or children on his/her caseload. 2,540 requests were filled and 38,661 children

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## Auxiliaries

Children's Fund enjoys the support of two auxiliaries, the Bonnes Meres Auxiliary in Redlands and the Claremont Auxiliary. Both are seasoned fund raising groups, and together their efforts contributed \$78,240 to the trust account of Children's Fund in 2000/2001. Additionally, the auxiliaries support the mission of the agency by heightening public awareness regarding at-risk children.

## Service Delivery

Social Workers/Case Managers from any of the 19 member agencies of the Children's Network, agencies such as Department of Children's Services/Child Protective Services, Public Health, and the County Schools, are eligible to submit a request for resources needed by a child and/or children on his/her caseload. 2,139 requests were filled and 35,863 children were served in 2000/2001.

## Major Categories of Service

Children's Fund serves children under three major categories: Daily Referral Activity, Community Outreach and Proprietary Projects.

**Daily Referral Activity:** We consider this to be our first priority. Requests that are made daily by case manager/social workers fall under this heading, and include such necessities as diapers, emergency food, clothing, medical care, cribs, beds, car seats, etc. The greatest number of these referrals are for items costing under \$200.00, but are not available elsewhere and are essential to the child's well being. The amount expended under this category in 2000/2001 was \$246,466.

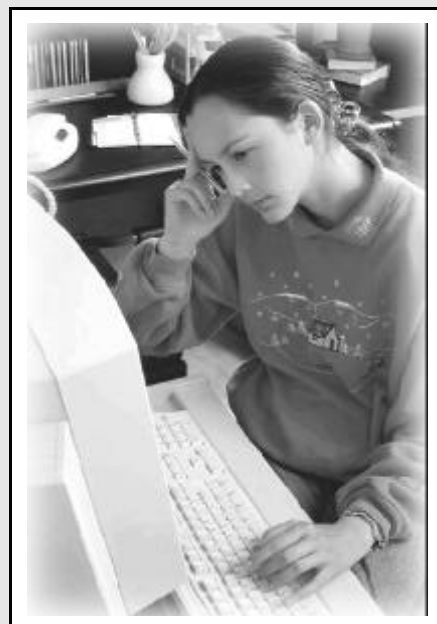
**Community Outreach:** Included in this category is the annual Celebration of Giving Holiday project as well as pediculosis control funding support, the April Child Abuse Prevention Month, Teen Pregnancy Prevention assistance, and financial support for the City of San Bernardino Parks and Recreation Swim Program, San Bernardino Communities Against Drugs Conference, equipment for a dental van in the high desert, and much more. The amount expended under this category in 2000/01 was \$557,642, a large portion of which is the Annual Christmas Campaign. In addition, Children's Fund continued to serve as the fiscal agent for a

**Proprietary Projects:** This particular category includes two major projects that are viewed as priorities by Children's Fund Board of Directors. The amount expended for proprietary projects in 1999-00 was \$135,784.

*Education First* school for children of homeless families has completed its ninth successful year of holistically attending to the needs of homeless children and their families. Other agencies intricately involved in Education First are the San Bernardino City Unified School District, County Superintendent of Schools, Community Services Department, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Social Services, the Homeless Coalition, and the Children's Network. In 2000, Children's Fund provided dollars to hire a Public Health Nurse to the case management team to address the health concerns of the children and families.

**The Children's Assessment Center** also receives special attention from the Children's Fund. The role our agency plays here is to provide for those things not available through the other participating agencies. Other significant agencies contributing to the Children's Assessment Center include the Department of Public Social Services, Department of Public Health, County Medical Center, County Counsel, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital, District Attorney, Sheriffs' Department, Children's Network, Juvenile Court and Family Court Services. The center provides medical examinations and forensic interviews for children who are suspected of having been sexually and/or physically abused. In 1998/99, Children's Fund Board of Directors embarked on a capital campaign to purchase land and a building to permanently house the Center. The Center officially opened in November of 1999.

**Total Cash Expended in 2000/01 = \$1,434,440**



## Fund-Raising Activity

We are very pleased to say that for the seventh year in a row we have exceeded the \$1,000,000 mark, and in 2000/01 we received \$1,807,819 in donations, both monetary and in-kind, as well as through a federal grant targeting teen pregnancy reduction through youth development. The following figures detail our cash and in-kind donations.

**Grants:** In the area of grant funding, and as stated under our community outreach, Children's Fund was once again the fiscal agent for a grant through the Centers of Disease Control to target teen pregnancy reduction. Children's Fund was also the recipient of grants for emergency medical needs for children throughout San Bernardino County, emergency needs in general such as food and clothing in the City of San Bernardino, and support of the Education First program. Grantors included the City of San Bernardino Community Development Block Grant program, Kaiser Permanente, Wells Fargo Foundation, Newman's Own and the LA Times. Total grant funding for 2000/01 was \$595,488.

**Cash:** Cash is broken down by source of revenue. Our largest fund-raiser was again the A. Gary Anderson Memorial Golf Classic. The total cash amount of \$1,329,161 was raised through several activities as well as outright gifts. Included in the projects were:

Ninth Annual A. Gary Anderson Golf Classic -	\$217,000
Ninth Annual Rubber Duck Race -	\$46,967
President's Circle Forums -	\$74,097
Auxiliaries -	\$78,240
Other Donations -	\$912,858

Other donations include support of the Children's Fund Assessment Center Campaign, as pledges are being received over a five-year period, as well as many individual and corporate donations including the San Bernardino County Employee Giving Campaign.

**In-Kind Goods and Services:** The largest amount under in-kind, per our usual, was due to the Celebration of Giving, in conjunction with the Department of Children's Services Sugar Plum Project, which served over 17,000 children, totaling \$399,426. With other in-kind donations included, the total for 2000/2001 was \$478,658.

**Administrative Funding:** In addition, the County of San Bernardino and the Board of Supervisors continue to support our administrative funding which makes it possible for **ALL** of our donations to serve children at risk throughout San Bernardino County.

**Fund Raising Total for 2000/01 = \$1,807,819**



# **Children's Lobby Report Appendix C**

# Children's Lobby Report

**T**he Children's Lobby actively makes recommendations of support or opposition to various bills before the Legislature as well as watches numerous bills waiting to determine their significance and outcome before, or in lieu of, making any formal recommendations as to position to the Policy Council and Board of Supervisors. The following, as part of this year's Children's Lobby Annual Report to the Children's Policy Council, is a listing describing the bills on which the Children's Lobby made formal recommendations to the Policy Council and Board of Supervisors that a County position of support or opposition be taken.

The Children's Lobby followed and discussed numerous other bills, which are not listed, during the course of the legislative year without recommending a formal position be taken on the bill. The Lobby screened bills and recommended formal action on only the most significant bills at an appropriate stage of the legislative process. Several bills were referred to various professional organizations, such as California Welfare Director's Association, for consideration and action in lieu of a formal County position. This process more meaningfully informed the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento as to the County's prioritization of bills. In addition, the Lobby served as a communication device for all participating departments to share bills involving children's issues which affect more than one County department.

A summary of the more significant bills on which the County took formal positions follows.



# 2000 Annual Lobby Report

BILL	DISCUSSION	POSITION	OUTCOME
AB 565 Florez	Youth Offenders Plan-This bill would provide that the Office of Crime and Violence Prevention within the Department of Justice would be responsible for developing a statewide plan that would make recommendations regarding the augmentation, implementation, and coordination of violence, crime and gang prevention programs and resources, to be submitted to the Legislature within one year of the enactment of the provision.	Watched	Dead
AB 878 Cardenas	The Community Challenge Grant Program to reduce the number of teenage and unwed pregnancies was to be repealed on January 1, 2001. This bill would delete the repeal of the provisions, extend the program indefinitely, but limited implementation of the program to the extent that funds are appropriated in the Budget Act.	Watched	Enrolled
AB 1241 Pacheco	Mandated Reporters – This bill would reorganize and recast the list of specified persons who are required to report child abuse under existing law.	Watched	Enrolled
AB1735	Schools/Healthy Families – Existing law requires all elementary schools provide one free or reduced-priced meal to needy children. This bill would require the governing board of each school district and the County Superintendent of Schools to include a request form in the meal application process for parents to obtain Medi-Cal and Healthy Families program information.	Watched	Enrolled
AB 1748 Zettel	Under existing law, local health officers may operate immunization information systems. This bill would allow local health officers and the State Department of Health Services to contract with an outside agency to perform immunization system functions.	Watched	Enrolled

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AB 1980 Aroner	This bill would authorize grants currently awarded to school districts, publicly funded preschool programs, and local mental health agencies for early detection and prevention of emotion behavioral, and learning problems, be awarded to "local educational agencies."	Watched	Dead
AB 2012 Shelley	Foster Youth Educational Passport This bill would allow any county office of education or consortium of county offices of education, to apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for grant funding to operate an education-based foster youth services program for foster children.	Watched	Vetoed by Governor
AB 2105 Scott	This bill would require the Director of Mental Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Child Development and Education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to establish a program to award planning grants to counties for the provision of school-based mental health services to children.	Watched	Dead
AB 2068 Steinberg	Pupil Mental Health Study This bill would encourage the Regents of the University of California to convene a panel of experts from specified entities to develop guidelines and recommendations for the identification and treatment of child mental disorders and related issues.	Watched	Vetoed by Governor
AB 2299 Gallegos	Existing law provides health, dental and vision benefits to eligible persons under the Healthy Families Program. This bill would permit persons who have health benefits outside the program, but who do not have dental or vision benefits, to be able to subscribe to the dental and vision benefits. It limits the number of subscriber to not more than 200,000 at any one time.	Watched	Dead



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AB 2518 Washington	This bill would establish until July 1, 2005, in the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) a program of financial and technical assistance to counties to coordinate multiagency drug endangered child response teams for the purpose of responding promptly to cases involving drug endangered children.	Supported	Vetoed
AB 2556 Hertzberg	This bill would enhance the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program by establishing the School Community Partnership, which would ensure that all children and youths aged 5-18 years have access to quality before school, after school and out-of-school programs.	Watched	Dead
<b>Senate Bills</b> SB 1338 Figeroa	Existing law establishes the Community Challenge Grant Program to address teenage and unwed pregnancies. This bill would revise the bill and delete the January 1, 1999 deadline for submission of a statewide evaluation, instead requiring findings be submitted within 6 months of the completion of each grant cycle. This bill would only become operative if AB 878 of the 1999-2000 session is enacted.	Watched	Enrolled
SB 1340 Solis	This bill would establish the California Domestic Violence Court Task Force, and set forth goals and duties of the task force, with its primary mission to create a set model of guidelines for establishing and operating domestic violence courts throughout the state.	Watched	Vetoed
SB 1348	In consultation with the Secretary of Education, this bill would require the Superintendent of Education to submit a proposal to convene a summit regarding the advisability of developing a master plan for parenting education in nonschool settings. Various state departments would be required to participate in the summit and collect, complete and submit, among other things, research regarding the presence or absence of parenting skills and dysfunctional behavior cases involving drug endangered children.	Watched	Enrolled

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SB 1351 Monteith	This bill would impose a state-mandated local program by requiring the principal or superintendent of schools to immediately suspend, and recommend transfer or expulsion of a pupil who has been adjudicated a ward of the court for an offense that caused serious physical injury to another pupil who attends the same school .	Watched	Dead
SB 1352 Alpert	Existing law authorizes designated participating counties to establish a child and family interagency council to implement a pilot program. Under the program, various children's funds may be transferred to a designated county fund for specified services for children and families. This bill would extend the duration of the programs until July 2004, and would require participating counties to submit updated strategic plans not later than March 2001.	Watched	Chaptered
SB 1368 Brulte	This bill would provide that no parent or other person having lawful custody of a minor child 72 hours old or younger may be prosecuted for failing to provide adequate clothing, food, shelter, medical or remedial care if he or she voluntarily surrenders physical custody of the child to an employee at a public or private hospital emergency room, or any additional location designated by the Board of Supervisors.	Watched	Enrolled
SB 1391	This bill would allow the public to attend hearings involving a child in specified counties, until a finding is made that the state is out of compliance with federal confidentiality requirements that will result in the loss of federal funds, or on January 1, 2006, or until the court finds on the record that admitting the public would harm the child's best interest.		
SB 2020	Existing law provides procedures for enrolling pupils. This bill would require public schools to ask the parent or guardian of all students whether they would like information relating to Medi-Cal and Healthy Families as part of the enrollment procedure.	Watched	Dead

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SB 2062 Perata	Existing law authorizes the Board of Corrections until January 1, 2005, to administer and award mentally ill offender crime reduction grants to counties as specified. This bill would authorize the Board of Corrections to administer the grants on a competitive basis to counties that expand or establish a continuum of swift, certain, and graduated responses to reduce crime and criminal justice costs related to mentally ill juvenile offenders.	Watched	Vetoed
SB 2185 Soto	This bill would require any ice-cream truck, as defined, to be equipped at all times while engaged in vending in a residential area with signs, as prescribed. The bill would prohibit a person from vending from an ice-cream truck that is stopped, parked or standing on any public street, alley, or highway under specified conditions.	Supported	Chaptered
SB 2188 Soto	After School Programs– this bill would require the State Department of Education when selecting schools to participate in the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program to give primary emphasis to the school's capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular school day and with other extended learning opportunities.	Watched	Chaptered



**Children's Network  
2002 Work Plan  
Appendix D**



## **Children's Network 2002 Work Plan**

### **Improve Economic Well-Being of Children and Families**

- Continue work through CalWORKs Policy Executive Group
- Continue work through the local Child Care Planning Council
- Continue Family Support through Children's Fund

### **Improve Child Safety by Reducing Incidents of Child Abuse and Neglect**

- Facilitate April 2001 as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Facilitate Safe and Stable Families planning and implementation processes
- Continue participation on Children's Assessment Center Board of Directors
- Continue prevention and intervention activities through the Regional Case Management Councils

### **Reduce Juvenile Crime and Recidivism in the Juvenile Justice System**

- Continue support for the Countywide Gangs and Drugs Task Force
- Continue support for Law Enforcement Education Partnership
- Continue support of Probation's Home Run Program
- Continue work on preventing school trancies

### **Reduce the Number of Children Who Need Residential Treatment in State Licensed Facilities**

- Continue support, prevention and intervention efforts through the Children's System of Care

### **Reduce the Number of Teen Pregnancies in San Bernardino County**

- Continue prevention efforts through the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition

### **Improve School Success**

- Support the Healthy Start grant process for the year 2000
- Continue to support the Head Start Shared Governance Board

**Reduce the Incidence of  
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- Continue support for Child Death Review Team
- Continue support for Loma Linda Children's Hospital Safe Kids Coalition

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